

Business is worse than gov't for hiding info

by Denis Gascon

Private enterprise hides more important information from the public than the government, said Le Devoir journalist Michel Nadeau at a McGill conference entitled "Confidentiality and Non-Circulation of Information."

Nadeau told the conference sponsored by the Canadian Association of Information Sciences that "in our society, the most important decisions are undertaken by private enterprise. The government only follows what these companies have decided."

"For example, the five people controlling Télémétropole have a much greater influence on Quebecers' culture than do the policies of minister Vaugeois," he said.

According to Nadeau the problem is that these companies are neither responsible to nor regulated by anyone. They publish annually a 20-page summary of their activity but that's it.

Said Nadeau: "Companies like Bell Canada increase phone tariffs to finance investments in a highly technological computer market."

"However, when, at the annual shareholders' general assembly, someone asks why people can't get charge for a quarter in public phones, president De Grandpré says it is technically too advanced...And nobody can control that power," he said.

The conference defined the right to information as the right of every citizen to know pre-

cisely and completely the significant social facts.

Lawyer Monique Dussault noted that this right was not entrenched in Canadian laws.

"Nothing can force a private enterprise to divulge its information, even if it would be in the 'public interest,'" she said. "The law is based on the principles of property. The same thing goes for access to governmental information. For example, the actual law provides so many exceptions (international agreements, federal-provincial relations, defence, national security...) that access is *de facto* very limited." Dussault said Clark's new bill on access to information will not help to clear up the situation since it "ratifies more or less the same exceptions."

Director of Information at Québec's Ministry of Communications Michel Héroux informed the conference that no law governing access to the Québec government's information exists.

"Nothing is expected in the short term," he said. "Even Camille Laurin has said it is not one of the priorities now."

Héroux said policy follows the British tradition—every government document is confidential with a few exceptions.

Debate planned

by Heather Tisdale

The McGill Referendum Committee will sponsor a debate between PQ MNA Gerald Godin and Stors McCall, head of the Positive Action Committee, on November 29.

Committee members have also been conducting an extensive letter writing campaign to various political leaders in preparation for a "referendum blitz" this winter.

Eric Klerans has agreed to address McGill students in January, according to Patrick Macklem, a member of the committee. At a Referendum Committee meeting last Wednesday, Macklem reported that Pierre Trudeau and Claude Ryan have also expressed interest in the committee's requests for speaking engagements.

Québec Premier René Lévesque and Prime Minister Joe Clark have refused speaking



McGill service workers decided against taking strike action with the rest of the Common Front this week. The picket signs have been temporarily shelved.

McGill won't join Common Front

by Kimberly Stephenson

McGill service employees will not be walking out tomorrow with the rest of the Common Front.

The McGill union belongs to a separate Common Front of universities and has no plans at this time for going on strike.

Union representatives and McGill administration met last Friday to negotiate contract demands. One item discussed at the meeting was the legality

of the 24-hour walkout last Wednesday.

The administration did not receive the eight-day notice from the government required for a walkout to be legal, said director of human resources, Raynald Mercille.

"The strike was technically illegal," said Mercille.

He did admit the possibility of a bureaucratic mistake, however.

"We are still at a point where we want to see what happened. If it is confirmed that the strike was illegal we may take action. If it is confirmed the strike was legal the union may want to take action," he said.

The union is convinced that the walkout was legal.

"We followed the procedure the law requires us to follow," said union representative Simon Berlin.

The service employees' union since May.

Anticipating a walkout by McGill support staff this week, the McGill Teaching Assistants Association voted Friday "to defend the right of teaching assistants to refuse to cross picket lines set up at McGill".

The MTAA also voted to sponsor a meeting with support staff for TAs and students today. Union officials are all occupied with negotiations however, so the meeting will be postponed.

Terry Kowalchuk, negotiator for McGill maintenance workers, says an information session on union grievances will be held this week at one of the co-ed residences.

Secretaries get a coffee break

TORONTO (CUP)—On November 1, 1978, York University secretary Ingrid Dagis was told by her boss, the director of the university bookstore, to bring him a cup of coffee from the cafeteria.

Now, thanks to an arbitration board ruling, he'll have to get it himself.

Dagis, after reluctantly carrying out her boss' request, filed a grievance through her union, the York University Staff Association (YUSA).

And in mid-October an arbitration board called to hear the grievance ruled that "the griev-

or (Dagis) not be required to perform duties of a personal nature not connected with the approved operations of the university."

The ruling also stated that the request was "for the incumbent's own conveniences and...not in any way related to the affairs or the objectives of the bookstore of the university."

"This decision shows that sex stereotyping can be broken down," says YUSA president Lauma Avens. "It raises men's social awareness as well as women's."

The case was a test of strength for a new contract clause in the YUSA collective agreement which states: "If an employee is required to perform any duties of a personal nature not connected with the approved operations of the university, he/she may file a grievance."

The arbitration board disagreed with the university's argument that a "secretary should carry out any order given by her boss except an order that is illegal, immoral or unconscionable."

YUSA and the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) at the University of B.C. are the only two unions in Canada to win contract clauses that restrict bosses' demands on secretaries.

Nobel laureate at McGill

This year's Nobel Prize winner for chemistry, Dr. Herbert C. Brown, will deliver two lectures at McGill this week.

Brown is a professor at Indiana's Purdue University.

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Editorial

"To say that some South African government departments or agencies can operate to the benefit of black South Africans is to fly in the face of history. Apartheid is the official policy of the South African Government and of all its departments and agencies."

This statement was made by the Canadian Task Force on Churches and Corporate Responsibility.

McGill professor Paul White, whose views were aired in an article published by the Daily on Wednesday Nov. 7th, does "fly in the face of history."

White asserted that investment in the current regime is economically beneficial to South African blacks. He further contended that the recent modifications of petty apartheid represent a trend towards genuine liberty for the majority in South Africa. His views imply that McGill should keep its investment in South Africa.

The Daily staff wish to dissociate themselves from Mr. White's views and to express their opposition to all investment in apartheid, particularly McGill's.

No less an authority than the president of South Africa, Johannes Vorster, maintains that every investment in South Africa "is another brick in the wall of our continued existence," in the existence of a government which institutionalises racism.

White is very impressed by recent reforms in apartheid legislation, the most important of which move toward abolition of statutory job reservation for whites and establishment of rudimentary trade union rights for blacks.

None of these reforms, however, attack what White must know to be the backbone of Afrikaner racist ideology—the Bantustan policy. This policy denies the black majority the right to citizenship in South Africa—relegating this 80 per cent of the population to 13 per cent of the most barren, inhospitable land in that part of the continent.

The Bantu Homelands Citizenship Act of 1969 provides for the establishment of nine ostensibly independent black states or Bantustans along tribal lines, to which the citizenship of every black South African is assigned.

Vorster put it this way in 1968—"...the fact that they, the blacks, work for us can never... entitle them to claim political rights. Not now, nor in the future. It makes no difference whether they are here with any degree of permanency or not."

He was echoed in 1970 by Mr. Pieter Botha, now prime minister, who said, "As far as I am concerned the ideal condition would be if we could succeed in due course in having all Bantu present in the white areas on a basis of migrant labour only." Neither of these men has done anything to indicate that their views have changed since these statements were made. They are still the official policy of the government.

The Bantustan policy is designed to transform the urban segment of the black population into an expatriate labour force. Each worker would possess citizenship in a black homeland and would be considered a foreigner, not entitled to any political rights.

This pool of cheap-labour is what makes investment in apartheid so lucrative—it is many times more profitable than investment in black Africa. It also gives white South Africans one of the highest standards of living in the world.

White must be aware that his dreams of "incorporation of the black urban population into white society with full equality and... universal suffrage," as well as his hope to "recombine the territories in a confederation or, ultimately, in a complete union," are entirely and irreconcilably in contradiction with official government policy.

He must know that \$10 billion of foreign investment in the past decade has not significantly altered the fundamental pattern of oppression in South Africa.

He recommends pressure as an inducement for political change, but proposes that the western democracies abandon rather than increase one of the only pressure tactics available to them.

In view of these facts we find White's recommendation—that the South African regime be accepted back into the international community as a full-fledged partner—plausible and dishonest.

In any case, it seems only logical that South African blacks themselves are most qualified to determine whether investments in apartheid are in their long term interest. On this question they are unanimous. All sectors of the black community, from the leading national liberation movements—the African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC)—to the liberal Christian Institute, from the black student organization—South African Students' Organization (SASO)—to the community based Black People's Convention—all have unequivocally stated their opposition to investment in the apartheid regime.

The McGill Daily

Senate committees formed

Now that the task of placing some 62 students on the required Senate committees has virtually been completed, students should have an idea of what this representation means to them.

For that (no doubt extremely small) minority of McGill students who are clued out, Senate is the main policy making body at McGill. It is comprised of about 85 members, fourteen of whom are students. Senate relies upon various committees to do the groundwork required before decisions affecting policy can be made. Most of these committees have student members appointed by Students' Society.

In the past, the vice-president of university affairs has had to rely upon friends, relatives and other easily coerced students to fill these committees. Some committees went without the student reps due to a lack of interest on the part of the student body. This year filling the committees has not been achieved without problems but lack of student interest has certainly not been a factor. Over 100 students applied for the 62 committee positions. A most unpleasant task has been deciding which students would not serve. With some 50 students not being placed on committees, many very qualified and interested students had to be disappoint-

ed. It is hoped that these students will not be discouraged from getting involved with the Students' Society as a result of their not being selected.

What has student representation accomplished so far? Perhaps the most important achievement has been a modification, proposed by student senators, to the tenure regulations. The change means that students' reactions to a professor's teaching will be evaluated before tenure is granted. Just how this is to be implemented was left to the Committee on Teaching and Learning which has drafted a set of recommendations advising that the evaluation not exclude, but not be limited to, student questionnaires and that the evaluation of teaching be an ongoing process for both tenured and untenured professors. These recommendations will be considered at the next Academic Policy Committee meeting after which specific recommendations go back to Senate. Throughout the process, the committees have relied upon students' views in order to produce guidelines which are acceptable to both Senate and the student body. The whole matter will not doubt be very much "in the news" once Senate begins debate on the subject.

Student representation on the Planning Commission was

no doubt responsible for some of the recommendations in that committee's report titled "Planning for a Smaller University." Although this document came under fire at the last meeting of the Senate for not dealing directly with the main problems at hand, some very important points were made and should make for interesting debate at the next Senate meeting (2:20 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 14, eighth floor Leacock).

Student representation on the Committee for Scheduling and Timetabling has resulted in the possibility of instituting a midterm break in the winter term as a result of much demand for this change.

These and many other contributions were made by student representatives on Senate and its committees. If the overwhelming response received by Students' Society this year is the beginning of a trend it definitely is an encouraging sign of things to come as we move into the next decade. What McGill will look like and how its reputation will fare over the next ten years is subject to conjecture, yet if the calibre of our students is indicated by their interest and their willingness to participate then a look to the future is indeed encouraging.

Michael Shannon
VP University Affairs
Students' Society

McGill reps go back to school

by Sarah Pitman

Student organizers are stalking the campus recruiting volunteers to help with this year's "Be a McGill Rep" campaign.

The campaign, an annual event, began in mid-October. It is funded by the administration and the Students' Society, and is designed to attract new

students to McGill. The focus is on high schools rather than CEGEPs, which seem to get a sales pitch of lesser extent.

Volunteers are asked to return to their old high schools "to inform prospective applicants about McGill," said Steve Lebar, the organization's co-ordinator. Through reaching a bigger pool

of students they hope to get more of higher quality.

"We aim to maintain standards and keep up the university's reputation," he said.

The organization is not administrative. It is run through student involvement, and is concerned with representing the student's view.

"Students will be providing first hand impressions and not specific program information," Lebar said.

"Last year we had 400 reps who went to 350 schools in Canada and internationally," said Lebar.

The Liaison hopes to do even better this year, and will follow up with an evaluation and watch new applications.

Lebar and his assistant co-ordinator Jeremy Yang have been distributing posters and covering the residences door to door drumming up reps. Those interested should call them at 849-6702, and fill out an information card listing the dates they will be available to go to their respective high schools. The visits occur during the Christmas break.

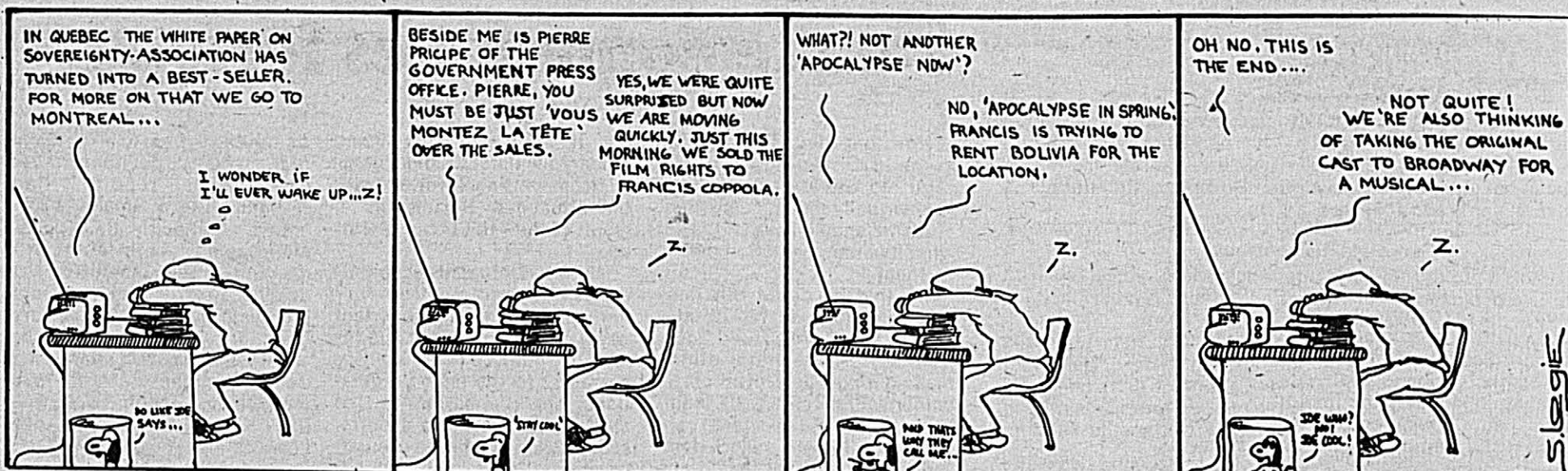
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Letters

ETAA speaks

To the Daily:

Teaching Assistants in the Department of Economics recently formed the Economics Teaching Assistants Association to represent their interests. Unfortunately, in the November 5 issue of the Daily, in an article by Gigi Rosenberg, views were attributed to individuals which had been expressed in an entirely unofficial capacity, but which were nevertheless presented in a manner which suggested that they were the official views of the E.T.A.A. In fact, the E.T.A.A. has not yet decided on its policies and viewpoints, and those expressed in the Daily do not necessarily represent our position. In the near future we will make a formal presentation of our concerns and viewpoints to our Department and to the McGill community.



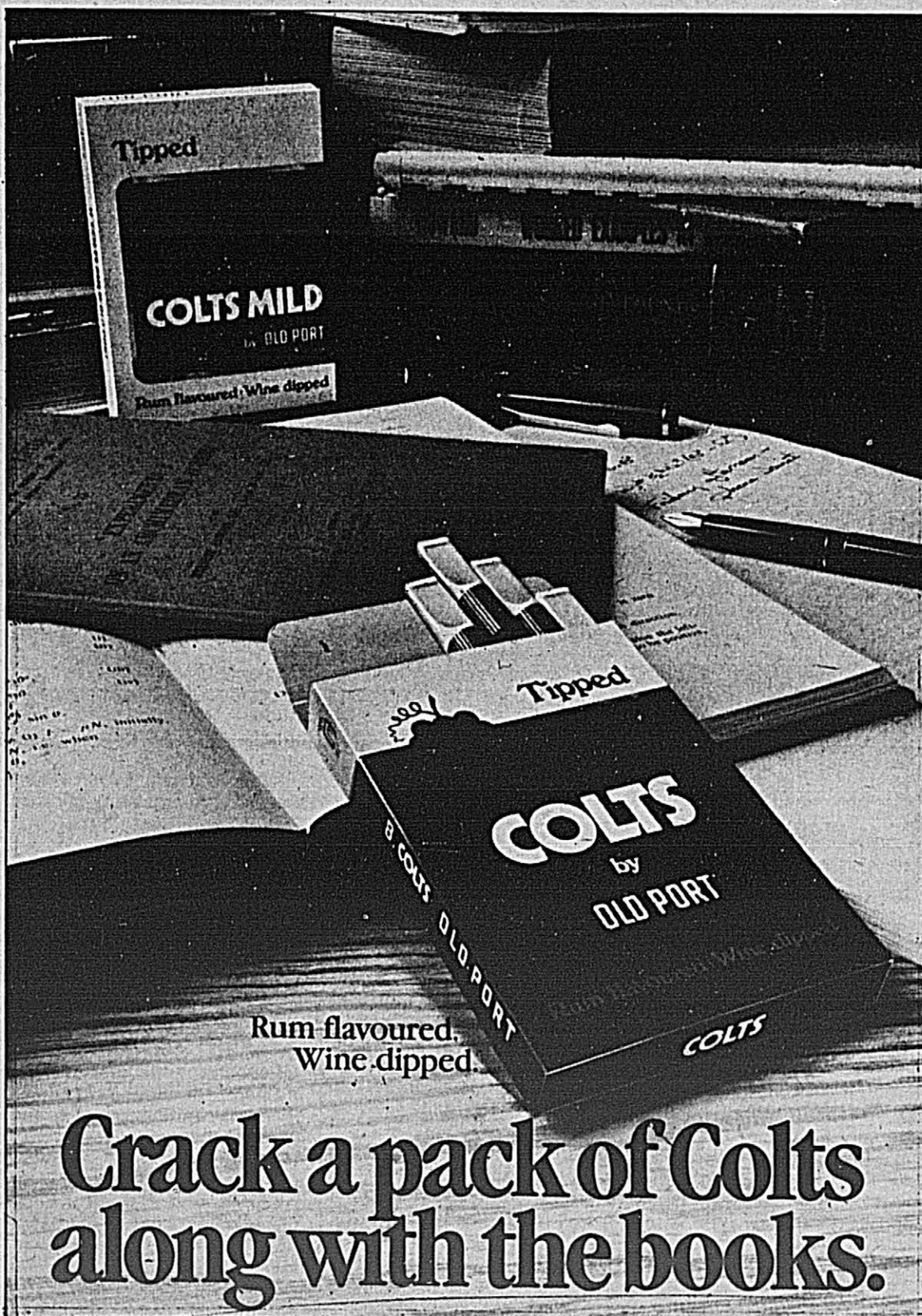
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balance between federalist and separatist viewpoints," said executive member Lubin Bisson.

"One day a separatist took down a Canadian flag we had posted, while a federalist took

down the Québec flag," he said.

A questionnaire about the referendum is being prepared for distribution to McGill students. "The questionnaire will be used to find out what people think and more importantly, to get them to think," said Smith.



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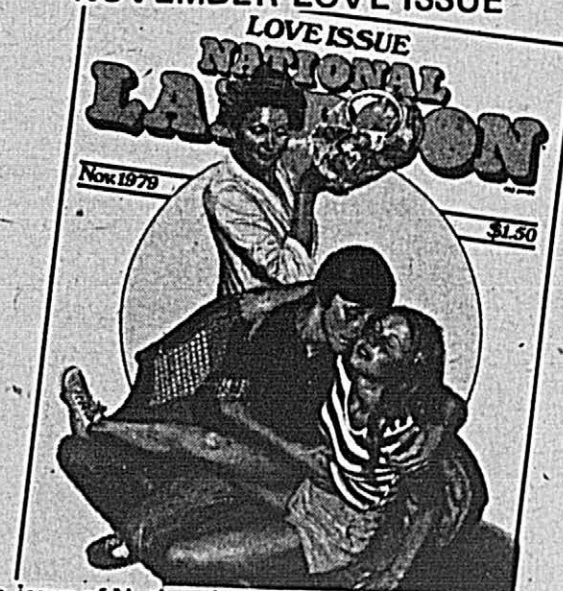
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TV news neglects vital issues

by Denis Gascon

To many people, television news is synonymous with objectivity and accuracy—it's a good reflection of society and its conflicts. However, a recent study published by the Institut Canadien d'Education des Adultes (ICEA) entitled "Les actualités télévisées, un monde recréé au service du pouvoir", shows this is not so.

"Televised information is controlled by the established powers so that it conditions public opinion," says the study.

Because of its accessibility and the medium itself television is nowadays the most popular and the most influential means of information. And because of the increasing trend toward concentration, the media submits more and more to capitalist market laws.

Homogenization, fragmentation of information and decreasing quality are consequences of increasing concentration. According to UNESCO, "the media suggests to the public what and how it should think, how it should behave and live. It reproduces the old values and perpetuates the status quo."

Analyzing Radio-Canada and TVA news, the study concludes

that TV news does indeed perpetuate established values. The fragmentation of information (two-minute news) and the tendency to focus on a minority of themes induces TV news to present a uniform social image. On one hand there are people who agitate, demonstrate and show dissatisfaction and on the other hand there are people in power who deal with 'serious' matters for the general public interest.

TV news is also restricted to a certain class. Eighty per cent of the news involves people of a high social rank. These people do not discuss facts or decisions but rather express opinions and intentions (67 per cent of cases). Unions, women and individuals are excluded from television news.

TV news is unequal and unbalanced. Unbalanced because of the predominance of 'politics' over social activity. Unequal because it favours only elite and dominant groups.

Coverage of unions is also biased, says the study. The usual stereotypes are portrayed—unions are controlled by agitators, they are too strong and they are responsible for price increases.

Because of fragmentation,



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workers' demands are never explained. When TV news deals with unions, 77 per cent of the

time it is about a labour dispute, not about the conflict and its problems, but only on

the sensational event itself.

Far from being objective and complete, TV news reflects,

through stereotyped information, a social view conforming to the interests of dominant

groups.

A solution? Author Lina Trudel says people must be more critical of what they watch and we must look for a collective means to control the information flow.

Comment

If the accepted role of the press is to criticize and provide information, then Canadian media organizations are not fulfilling that role.

Through concentration and centralization of press enterprises, the so-called 'fourth estate' has affirmed itself as an integrated, active and influential institution of the status quo. Far from criticizing the legislative, executive and judicial powers, the media represents those same interests. And when one looks at the vested economic interests behind these powers it is not that surprising.

Control of the print media is today concentrated in the hands of a few — 11 groups control 70 per cent of Canadian daily newspapers and 80 per cent of the circulation. Three consortiums — FP Publications, Southam Press and Thomson — control 53 per cent of the total Canadian circulation. In eight provinces, more than 75 per cent of the dailies are controlled by newspaper chains. In Québec, Pierre Péladeau and Paul Desmarais possess 72 per cent of the market. In New Brunswick, K.C. Irving's companies maintain a virtual monopoly of the print media.

Whether it is by vertical or horizontal concentration, studies show the phenomenon has worsened in the last ten years. Within the last year Montreal has lost two papers: *The Montreal Star* and *Montreal-Matin*. The consequences of this trend toward concentration are clear enough in the quality of information, death of the regional press and fragmentation and homogenization of information.

Concentration has exposed the real face of the press. Far from being an objective source of information, the media is subject to the capitalist law of rentability like any other industry — their goal is maximization of profits and circulation. Some newspapers such as *Le Soleil* even include this goal in their policy of information. The press is no longer a public service. It is striving for marketability and quality and diversity of information are the first casualties in times of cutbacks.

Advertising, which fills 60 to 65 per cent of a paper, not only finances it, but also directs the format, press run and strategic placing of information.

Coverage is centered on dominant groups and the news is not necessarily factual. The media tends to be a forum for the expression of the dominant classes' opinions in more than 60 per cent of the stories.

A brief analysis of coverage of women's issues provides a good illustration of press orientation and 'impartiality'. Consider the pin-up in the *Journal de*

Montréal, the 'feminin' page in *La Presse* — the media perpetuates the idea of traditional roles for women and an inferior status.

The only feminists, the press would have us believe, are state-feminists like Lise Payette; the only liberated women are career women. The media never provides coverage of working women. Sexism is apparent in most news stories. Journalists write of the "boys of Commonwealth Plywood" when 70 per cent of the workers are women. Abortion is approached as a moral issue only. Social and economic factors as well as the physical conditions of abortion are, of course, of secondary importance. The media hardly covered the Battered Wives demonstration which resulted in one of the highest numbers of arrests since the October crisis.

But women are no exception. On issues concerning unions, oppressed people in the world, popular groups and the lower classes, the media remain silent. They effectively stifle social protest. An event not reported in the press is a non-event.

The media is said to reflect society's and people's concerns. But it ignores the concerns of the majority. When a newspaper like *Journal de Montréal* devotes 65 per cent of its staff to sports, when social conflicts are secondary news, when unions are depicted as sources of conflict, one has to ask just what the media reflects. The media reflects society the way its owners want it to be. Media managers distribute their human, technical and financial assets so as to encourage people to accept a given social reality.

All these facts show the press to be neither democratic, nor objective, nor critical. The fourth estate is another myth of so-called liberal democracy. Behind the "nice" intentions are hidden interests of dominant classes. The press is part of the capitalist oligarchy as much as any other sector. It has become one of the most important parts of the superstructure, an agent of reproduction, a way to paralyze social opposition.

Concentration and its aftermath is clearly a restriction of the right of the public to diversified, complete and pluralist information. Information is now merchandise, not a service.

The gap between these facts and concrete solutions to the problem remains a large one. The unionization of communications workers will help, as will the development of an alternative and autonomous press. But the first step must be the creation of a public understanding of the deficiencies and inequalities of the press as it is structured today.

Denis Gascon

Stingers take Redmen tourney

Game 1: Redmen best Gryphs, 74-64

by Brahm Pascal

Call it a Redmen kind of hoops. This McGill basketball team that will lead the sport into the '80s, shuns the shingles and buries the baubles, because as their first game at the 1979 Redmen Invitational proved, all team members and two coaches are going into the new decade as one entity. The Guelph Gryphons were tied in two by the utter simplicity of the Redmen concept in a 74-64 Redmen triumph.

There is no persuasive case against winning as a way of life, so it is not cruel to state that this Redmen team lacks the charisma of teams past. Not that there is a dearth of silver-tongued shooters but the club's effort as a whole glosses over the individual performances.

The Gryphons burst to a 12-6 lead on the shooting of guard Mike Sesto but the Redmen did not let the game get out of hand. There were just too many people on the bench who cared.

Forward Pierre Lissor gave Mark Adilman a spell and used his golden shooting touch for two quick 20-footers and the margin closed, just the first indication of the help-me help-you character of the club.

Center Rick Rusk scored a total of 25 points on the evening, yet incredibly, he did not stand out. Sure, Rusk's 20-footers were admirable in their ease, but the assists on almost all his field goals were the essentials to the scores.

The Gryphons snuck off at the half with a 31-29 lead, but it wasn't long into the second half that the Redmen proved that the sum is indeed greater than the parts of the whole. Kevin Dogen's steals and neat dish-offs made Mark Adilman a hero more than once, and guard Mike Homsey's drives and ball control kept the score on the side of the Redmen.

Assistant coach Eddie Pomykala put the team's goals succinctly, "We've got five guys out there who are gonna be the pieces of the puzzle to come together."

With five minutes left to play, the pieces were in perfect flux, maintaining a five point lead and never faltering in man to man defence. A Homsey outlet to Rusk on the break broke the



Redmen center Rick Rusk gets a hand from Con's Lloyd Pullen on his way to the hoop. Rusk averaged 22 points over three games.

Gryphs at 60-53.

With the favored Carleton Ravens up next, the Redmen had a bit more cause to worry. Concordia had earlier in the evening defeated Carleton 73-61, and the Ravens were

without their two top players, guard Pat Stoqua and forward Paul Armstrong.

Asked for his crystal ball analysis, Pomykala replied, "At this point our success isn't measured on the scoreboard.

Game 2: Plourde swishes winner in Redmen win over Ravens, 75-73

by Brahm Pascal

The tourney needed a shot in the net of good exciting, hoopmaking. Redmen coach Butch Staples and his juggling talents were summoned to the gym as the Redmen got their fingers all sticky in their own man to man defence of the Carleton Ravens. It was a shocking total of 18 first half McGill fouls and a few more for good measure in the second half that kept the Ravens in touch long enough for a 75-73 McGill win at the buzzer.

The fouls roll call was not a solemn one: forward Mark Adilman slapped with his third foul six and a half minutes into the game (he sat out the rest of the first half); Mike Homsey with third foul 13 minutes into the game; Jean-François Plourde also with three fouls two minutes later; and forward Kevin Dogen, saddled with four fouls with four minutes left in the half.

Staples was a magician, and

his players were the rabbits. There was veteran guard John Ippolito filling in tenaciously for Homsey, hot shot Pierre Lissor for Adilman and Sylvain Castonguay and others sliding with the ice to keep the Redmen down by only two, 43-41 at halftime.

McGill had led by as much as seven points in the second half, but there were the difficulties of cohesion in a revolving door lineup, and the hulking presence of 6'8" Raven centre Tom Cholock. He would not be denied his spot in the middle, and the Raven offence rotated about Cholock.

His 23 points Saturday night was surpassed only by his McGill counterpart Rick Rusk who hit on 14 out of 30 field goal tries and scored 31 points. Rusk was the main shotmaker for the Redmen, as he had the grace to stay out of foul trouble and pop those 20-footers for the team.

The score was still flitting about although the Redmen never gained more than a two-point lead and were never less than tied.

After a Redmen time-out with only six seconds left and the score knotted at 73-73, the ball moved downcourt into the unlikely hands of guard Plourde. I say 'unlikely' because only seconds earlier, with the game on the line, Plourde hurled two lame ducks at the backboard at inopportune moments. But that son of gun lolli-popped an agonizing 20-footer that fell through the dead center of the net. Bedlam.

It was a touching performance by every Redman. "Whether they played 30 seconds or 30 minutes, all the guys played with their hearts," Adilman remarked.

Stating the truth about the hidden nature of this game, Staples pointed out, "If we hadn't fouled, it might have been a blow-out for us."

That man to man defence was successful for the team when various members kept away from the hacking and behind the back fouls.

Naturally, the mood was exuberant after the chance to defeat Concordia and take the tourney for the second straight year materialized.

Final: Concordia gets Whaley of a game as Stingers down Redmen 86-64 in battle of undefeateds

**Hockey and basketball
coverage on Wednesday
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Martlets silenced by loss to Stingers

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Rehearsal tonight in Union room B01. Full cast at 7, men finish at 8, women continue until 9:30.

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Monsey Film Festival beginning tonight in Union room 425. Discussion topic: *Imperialism within the University*.

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Science Writers:

Important meeting to discuss the issue of science education at 6 p.m. in the Daily offices, Union room B03. All welcome.

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Contemporary Dance Workshop:

General meeting today at 8 p.m. in the COTC lounge of the Currie Gym. All members must attend.

by Don Di Maulo

"In the game of life it's a good idea to have a few early losses, to relieve you of the burden of maintaining an undefeated season."

Though not part of the same game plan, the McGill Martlets "relieved themselves" of early season pressure after dropping their season opener 6-0 to the Concordia Stingers last Thursday night.

Following the whitewash, the Martlet players quickly left the ice on a bee-line for the dressing room. In their shelter, a pindrop was loud because the Martlets were not easily accepting defeat.

When asked what was wrong with the team, Laura "Kamikaze" Kobayashi had nothing to say, Johanne "JoJo" Hébert shrugged her shoulders and assistant coach Jackie Raïcot shook her head.

Finally, forward Linda Pateras, sipping a soft drink, expressed what most players felt, "We didn't hustle." Madeleine Raïcot agreed, "We were not playing aggressively."

One player expected another to get a loose puck, cover the opponent, carry the team." End of comment.

Relying only on players' comments or lack of them, one could conclude that no hockey game was played. However, statistics say otherwise. They reveal what the players would not. The game sheet declared a 32-7 shots on goal margin in favor of Concordia. Plus-minus records announced that all Martlet players, without exception, had been victimized, with the biggest damage done by Concordia's Wendy Jamieson (2 goals, 3 assists) and Julie Healy (2 goals, 2 assists).

The team's lack of speed was evident in McGill's first game. Rarely did a red and white jerseyed player outskate a Concordia Stinger to the puck.

The boards, the faceoffs and the crease were literally leased to Concordia. However, not all was discouraging.

Looking on the positive side, netminders Melinda Ridgeway and Laura Drover both executed several difficult saves and could not be blamed on any of the goals. Martlet rookies Kim

Wadkins, Josée Parenteau and Michelle Dionne all came within a flick of scoring. Jean "Speedy" Rogers, Dale Blenkhorn and Gail Climon showed flashes of near brilliance.

Despite the loss, the outlook for the Martlets' second match and first home game is promising. The McGill squad did not easily accept defeat against Concordia, which can be seen as encouraging because good losers get into the habit of losing. The McGill Martlets may have revenge in mind this Wednesday night at 6 p.m. as they face-off with the Bishop's team. Be there!

Martlet Memos: Game's three starlets—Concordia's Wendy Jamieson, Julie Healy and Francine Daoust.

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